

EQIP 2009 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Development Evaluation Tool

Land Uses: Crop, Hay, Headquarters, Pasture

National Priorities:

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	17
2	Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	1
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	5
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	10
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	1
6	Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	1
7	Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	1
Total Points		36

State Issues:

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		Choose one of the following two questions:	
	1	Is the operation currently without a waste storage facility and wanting to incorporate one into the waste handling system?	25
	2	Does the current waste storage facility have less than 150 days of storage and is not enough to handle the waste volume during the growing and non-growing seasons?	18
2		General Questions:	
	3	Are there streams or other surface water bodies on tracts where animals are housed or kept?	9
	4	Is the land unit proposed for contract located in one of the sub-watersheds that NRCS is targeting due to excess sediment and nutrients?	15
	5	Is the producer a Limited Resource Farmer based on the USDA online self determination tool?	11
Maximum Points: 60 Total Points			78

Selected Resource Concerns and Practices*:

Practice	Air Quality: Objectionable Odors	Soil Erosion: Classic Gully	Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill	Soil Erosion: Streambank
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (100)	X	X	X	X

Practice	Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (100)	X	X	X

****Practices listed above may have changed. Check with your local field office or EQIP Program Manager. See the EQIP Program Website at <http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html>***